

FS2: Spring Term: 2nd half

'How do animals survive the cold in the Arctic and Antarctic?'

'What is a mini beast?'

Our learning for this half term is linked to the whole school Science and Book topic of animals.

Our learning will be based around the questions 'How do animals survive the cold in the Arctic and Antarctic?' and 'What is a mini beast?' The children will have the opportunity to look at and handle a range of mini beasts in the classroom brought in by Zoo Lab on Monday 12th March.

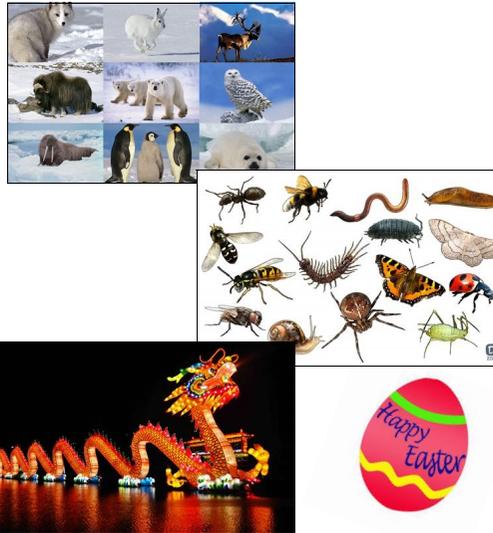
To begin the term we will learn about how Chinese New Year is celebrated around the world and find out why this year is called the Chinese Year of the Dog.

The final week of term will be 'What are the signs of Spring?' and we will do lots of Easter activities with the children, including an Easter egg Hunt in the outdoor area!

As writers, the children will be encouraged to become more independent in their writing. They will write about their own experiences and things that observe in the environment and what they have found out.

As readers, the children will continue to segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together. They will learn how to read and write 'tricky words' (the words that cannot be segmented and blended).

As mathematicians, we will use everyday language to talk about shapes, patterns, size, weight, capacity, and length. The children will solve everyday problems using their knowledge of numbers, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and solve problems.



As scientists, the children will take part in activities linked to our Science and Book learning. Our learning in class will be to look for similarities and differences between different animals and what they see in the environment.

As geographers the children will learn about different places and cultures, in particular Chinese New Year. We will be tasting Chinese food at our banquet and having a go at using chopsticks!

As artists, the children will continue to learn to mix different colours and use appropriate colours for their pictures. They will select tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials together.

Useful Information

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to share observations of your child and their achievements with us. Please continue to do so, we love hearing about what they can do outside of school.

Please ensure you have returned the consent slip regarding our Chinese Banquet on Thursday 22nd February.

Also return the permission slip for the Zoo Lab visit to school on Monday 12th March, if you have not already done so.

There is Parent Workshop on Wednesday 14th March 2-3pm where you can come in and share some creative activities in the Hall with your child.

PE continues to be on a Friday and we would appreciate it if **all** your child's clothing could be named.

Thank you for your continued support!
Kind regards, Mrs Lodge, Mrs Perry and the FS2 Team

